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See attachment for the amendment being non-responsive.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 11/25/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment introduces non-elected claim language in claims 1-7, which make the amendment non-responsive to the last office action mailed on 7/25/05. Species elected have figures 6-8, unclear how the first tooth extends towards the second side of the body and how the second tooth extends towards the first side. Furthermore how does the seal body have at least one second tooth extending from a region on the first end proximate an intersection between the first end and the second side. Further the amended claim language is not shown in the drawings. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vishal Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-7060. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am to 8:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. James Lee can be reached on 571-272-7044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vishal Patel", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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